



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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WATER DIVISION

July 6, 2022

Ms. Blythe Monoian
Environmental Management Program
Yakama Nation
P.O. Box 151
Toppenish, Washington 98948

(sent via email to: Blythe_Monoian@yakama.com)

Re: Early Notification of EPA's Plans to Reissue a NPDES Permit for Washington Beef, LLC.

Dear Ms. Monoian:

I am writing to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is working to reissue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Washington Beef, LLC, which is a complex slaughterhouse, meaning a slaughterhouse that provides extensive processing of the by-products of meat slaughtering, in Toppenish, Washington.

EPA is in the early stages of gathering information for this permit action and we are interested in knowing if you have any thoughts, concerns, or questions for the Agency. The EPA permit writers look forward to the upcoming EPA/Yakama meeting on July 12th and to visiting the facility with you on July 13th.

EPA plans to invite tribal governments to initiate consultation with our Agency regarding this permitting action.

Thank you in advance for your interest and participation in the permitting process. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brian Nickel via email at Nickel.Brian@epa.gov or at (206) 553-6251. You may also contact me via email at Poulsom.Susan@epa.gov or at (206) 553-6258.

Sincerely,

Susan Poulsom, Section Manager
NPDES Permitting Section

cc: Lucas DuSablón, EPA Tribal Coordinator *(via email)*